Members in attendance: Kevin Schock (President of the Senate), Andrew Struthers (President Pro-Tempore of the Senate), Donald Lite (Congressional Parliamentarian), Kate Faulkner (Congressional Secretary), Brian Moran, Dustin Cheney, Ashley Barnes, Matt Baumgartner, Jenna Albert, Kyle Bailey, Torey Fletcher (by proxy; Lauren Fletcher), and Andrew Gaynair.

I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

The meeting commenced at 7:00pm. Quorum was met with 9 senators.

II. Swearing in of Senators

New proxy Lauren Fletcher, standing in for Senator Fletcher was sworn in by Senator Struthers.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, January 12th, 2010

Senator Struthers: I open the floor for discussion and/or entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Senator Moran: I move to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Senator Cheney: I second.

Senator Struthers: I open the floor for discussion.

There was no discussion and a voice vote was taken.

Vote: 9-0; pass.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Oversight and Ethics

Senator Barnes: The House committee met last week and we think we came to something everyone will approve of.
Student Academic and Activities
Senator Struthers: The chair is not here.

Student Government
Senator Nichols: We're having a meeting after the meeting tonight.

VI. Joint Committee Reports
Joint Committee on Congressional Correspondence
Senator Cheney: The House said they didn't pass anything, so we didn’t meet.

VII. Executive Reports
Brittany Duffy-Goche: My name is Brittany Duffy-Goche and I am your Accessibility Affairs Task Force Director. A few highlights from last term are: re-establishing contacts and allies for this task force and finding a direction and accomplishable goals for this year; gathered all the information needed to begin compiling the Accessibility Safe Space training; working with a student, named Jeffery, to get the Able Student Alliance up and running. This alliance is being put together to push for the university to begin re-evaluating the unacceptable state this University is in regarding accessibility issues and its lack of abiding by the ADA regulations put forth by the Federal Government. We also did a survey with the office of affirmative action regarding access issues in Snell Hall

Goals for this term are: getting the Able Student Alliance to be an official group with at least 10 active members; having both House and Senate pass the resolution requesting that the University make a task force to begin re-evaluating itself and make a new plan for ADA regulations; and having a committee put together for the Safe Space Training.

I’d also like to formally invite you to an event tomorrow night at 6pm in front of Kerr. The Able Student Alliance is going to hold a press conference to talk about the current state of ADA regulations at OSU. Also, the first meeting is this Thursday at 12:00pm in MU 211.

Thank you for your time, are there any questions?
Senator Struthers: Are there any questions for Director Duffy-Goche?
Senator Albert: Can you clarify the issue in Snell with the elevators? Are they too narrow?
Ms. Duffy-Goche: They are super, super old and they were planning on closing it and fixing them, but they are to the point they could fall apart. They’re figuring out who needs more access.
President Van Drimmelen: I can speak to this. They are very old and could fail it's load test any time, so it's not certified for people anymore, only freight. It's about a million dollars to fix, which doesn't make sense to do since Snell is going to be closed and torn down in 2-3 years anyway.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions? Seeing none, thank you. With that, I'll take a volunteer? Ok, Kate Clark, the Women's Affairs Taskforce Director.

Kate Clark: Hi, I'm Kate Clark, the Women's Affairs Taskforce Director, as Senator Struthers just said. So last term, with the Women's Affairs Taskforce, we worked on one big event, Love Your Body Day. It centered on health body image, literature, and information about eating disorders and making a healthy balance in your life. We did networking with committees on campus such as the Women's Center Advisory Board and the Sexual Assault Alliance. Long-term, for next term, is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Also, February 4th at 7pm in the MU Ballroom is the International Women's Conference about personal identity and the myriad of things that goes into forming an identity.

International Women's Night is going to have women from other countries around the world in their traditional attire doing their traditional dances, such as a Native American dance, and there's going to be different foods. It's going to be cool. We're also doing an event with FMLA, Stand Up Speak Out, February 18th, in response to sexual assault. Proceeds will be going to CARDV. And in March, looking at the 9th/10th, in the library we're going to have in the main entrance programming information about the history of women's achievements and a series of programs.

Senator Struthers: Are there any questions for Director Clark? Seeing none, we will move on to testimony from Kate Welter.

Kate Welter: My name is Kate Welter, Director of Community Affairs. Last term the big event that Community Affairs put on was a policing forum. We worked to get city members to get students a chance to ask police about laws and break down the barrier between students and law enforcement. It was pretty awesome and the job entailed a lot of going to meet with City Council, Willamette Criminal Justice Council, and City Transit Council. This term, we're making an off-campus housing brochure with the goal to have it be a resource for students living off campus. Right now, there's nothing like that. I looked at UO and they have a whole website. This is going to be in aid on what renter's rights are. Also, people don't know we have legal aids, so they will know that. Also, there will be information about Saferide and how to pick a roommate. I'm writing that with the help of interns from the ASOSU class and we're going to finish it this term so they will have it ready when students start moving out. I'm also attending, with Kate Clark, the Sexual Assault Awareness meetings and I'm also meeting with the Environmental Taskforce.
Director about the Corvallis Community Energy project and canvassing student neighborhoods with knowledge on how to be more energy conservative.

Senator Struthers: Are there any questions for Director Welter?

Senator Moran: Are you going to be partnering with the Office of Greek Life for the brochure?

Ms. Welter: Potentially. I hadn’t thought of that.

Senator Fletcher (by proxy): So are you only looking at apartments, or houses, too?

Ms. Welter: Anyone renting houses, condos, etc.

Senator Fletcher (by proxy): How are you finding out that information? Are you calling people?

Ms. Welter: The City of Corvallis has a lot of information. They have a whole section on renting.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

Senator Albert: Where would the funding for the brochure come from, the Community Affairs budget?

Ms. Welter: That, and I’m not sure since it has to do with Jake in Public Relations.

Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions? Thank you.

VIII. Delegate Reports

There were no delegate reports.

IX. Messages

Question Time with ASOSU President Van Drimmelen

President Van Drimmelen: I always enjoy coming to the Senate. It’s a format that allows me to sit down and see everyone. As always, anything goes and I’ll answer.

Senator Albert: That sounds dangerous.

Senator Struthers: Do you have an update on the computer centers that were going to be closed?

President Van Drimmelen: As of now, they are not slated to be closed at any particular point. I have talked with Sabah, and his take is Milne isn’t going to be closed without a whole heck of a lot of cause. Now, Hovland could be on the chopping block for a variety of reasons. They already cut back its hours, it’s not a 24-hour lab because of non-TRF funds, the technology fee you all pay, all its TRFs were cut. There’s a variety of issues such as access and low use, whereas Milne has the usage statistics to keep it open. To answer your question, neither right now, but in the long-term it doesn’t look like Milne is going to be closed.
**Senator Nichols:** How do you think it went last week at the Joint Session?

**President Van Drimmelen:** As well as I expected. Are you talking about the presentation? I felt there was some confusion about what the recommendations mean and who they are directed towards. Which is precisely nothing unless SIFC decides to do something and SIFC. The recommendations aren't aimed at any groups in particular but a lot about the process by which student fees operates. There was some outcry from misunderstandings, kind of, "not my program," or, "this is how we've always done it."

Overall, I feel the recommendations were positive.

**Senator Moran:** You just brought this to my mind, but you've been here in student government for awhile, how do you feel this new year with this separation of the Senate and House of Representatives is going? I want to get your view.

**President Van Drimmelen:** I feel it's going well. There's some kinks because we've never done it before. There are some good ideas that's come out of it in order to make it work better, like joint committees and such. I don't understand why college student government needs to be bicameral instead of unicameral, but it was getting too big to be manageable and something needed to be done. So it's going better than some things could have gone, but it's a mixed bag. Y'all have gotten stuff done.

**Senator Moran:** I feel there are so many joint committees and things that have been delayed because of them and then we have to go and have a joint session.

**Senator Albert:** If you think this is bad, I know someone in Canada.

**Senator Moran:** Are we going to stick with this in future years?

**President Van Drimmelen:** It's not up to me, I can't change it. I think that would go up to a constitutional change which is difficult to do. Now, if you and enough people wanted to see it change, I'd be happy to talk to you about the process by which you'd go about doing that. Vice President Schock?

**President Schock:** Good god, you can call me Kevin. If after all of you are done with Chris' time, if y'all want to take time to talk about the recommendations of the SCSFSP, I can take those questions as well.

**Senator Albert:** I'm going to take President Schock up on that. Do you know if the SCSFSP has made the recommendations to the OSU administration yet?

**President Schock:** They were delivered to SIFC, Larry Roper, and Randhawa.

**Senator Struthers:** Are there any other questions? Thank you, we look forward to the next Question Time with us.
Student Health Services Presentation

Phil Histand: Senator Struthers and members of the Senate, thank you for the opportunity to come and talk. What we wanted to talk about is what we're seeing with regards to medical insurance for students. George and I are working on an issue of whether it is helpful for all students to have insurance and dealing with the costs of medical care. I'll let George go over his presentation and I'll answer questions. What we're looking for is whether any of you would put forth a resolution supporting what we're talking about.

George Voss: In the packet, we'll go through starting from the back. The two larger documents are copies of survey results, as sent out in early November. I hope your responses are in there. One of them, the one on the bottom should be the aggregate results from the survey, from all university students in the system. The next one up with the single bar, those are just OSU students. Then, as far as the numbers on the second sheet down had a total university enrollment, fall enrollment numbers of 90,969 students. A response of 6.8% is not super great, I would have liked to have seen it a little bigger, but we still got 6,154 responses and that gives us a reasonable idea about the type of information to move forward on.

President Van Drimmelen: That's better than the ASOSU elections.

Mr. Voss: It's titled, "Why Universal Health Insurance for OSU Domestic Students," because it impacts domestic students more than international students because international students are required to have insurance to be enrolled. They need either proof of a comparable source or have it through the school, so the biggest change would be to domestic students. Studies around the country show many students don't have health insurance. Our own survey shows around 30% of students don't have health insurance. On a national level, 38% of public schools are now requiring health insurance as a non-academic requirement for enrollment. The problem with the voluntary plan now is that it goes to those most in need of insurance and it turns into higher claims. If we had more healthy people, it would even out; the cost of the premium continues to go up if we don't.

This current year is the first in ten years or more that we have had a flat premium rate. They tell me, "don't expect that for the following years," we got an unusual aberration. This creates a situation where fewer students are allowed to take it and then it becomes unviable. Just for a little history, in 2003, it was becoming evident on our campus and also UO. To help this, we merged the domestic and international plan and we both had the same carrier anyway, so it was a fairly natural road to put the two together. The schools are relatively similar, but UO has had a higher plan enrollment all along. Putting it all together increased enrollment and helped smooth out claims, but also people who need care take the insurance and those than don't avoid it. Some of the survey...
highlights, when you have time, do go through and if you have questions feel free to get a hold of me. My email is george.voss@oregonstate.edu and I would be happy to answer questions. On Question #10 it asks, "Do you have a chronic medical or mental health condition?" and nearly 15% of students said yes and it requires at least annual attention, but may require more than one visit a year. Question #12 says, "If no health insurance, could you stay in school if you had a $25,000 medical expense?" Over 75% said it would be unlikely or very unlikely they would continue. For Question #11, still over 23% said it would be difficult to continue even if they had health insurance and a big claim. The University of California System implemented a universal health system plan in 2000 and they determined from the research they did prior to going into that up to 25% of students leaving school were leaving due to medical problems. The exit surveys, if they are done, there's some questions, but very little about medical issues. So we can't put a number on that, I wish we could, but I would think there's a significant number that leave because of medical issues. Question #15 says, "Has the lack of health insurance ever caused you to think about taking time off from school?" A little over 18% of respondents said yes. Most of these percentages are straight from OSU, but they hold pretty true for the aggregate and OSU. Question #17 says, "How important is health coverage?" Over 90% considered it important or very important. Question #19 says, "Would you support a universal plan for all students that provided a minimum $250K benefit limit with a 20% co-pay and $3,500 prescription plan?" Fifty-four percent said yes and in Question #20 seventy-two percent said they could afford $1,350 per year. The current plan is $1,955 per year. This would provide a significant savings on insurance. The reason it would be required is to have a large number of students on the plan. The plan on campus has 250 students in it, but to make it universal for all those in the OUS system...I don't know what it would be, but it would be a huge number compared to what's there now. Any plan like that would have the option to waive out if you already have coverage, like through your parents or other types of employer coverage.

Senator Barnes: How much does this cost for students?

Mr. Voss: I don’t know for sure. The informational RFP we sent out, done by OUS, it came back with at first a $1 million type benefit plan. That looks too expensive, but scaled back, it’s anywhere from $1,200 to $1,500 per year.

Mr. Histand: A little over $100 a month.

Senator Albert: Looking at Question #19, when you stated how much they could afford to compared to now, if you were able to get a medical plan for $1350 a year, would it change?
Mr. Histand: It would be better than now. There is an option to buy catastrophic coverage up to $1 million, and this would be significantly better coverage than what it is now.

Senator Albert: How would you get better coverage at a better rate?

Mr. Voss: You would have more people in the plan. By having such a broad number of people in, you would have healthy and ill people and the high cost claims would set off the low cost claims.

Senator Struthers: How would you go about implementing this, through the administration or student fees?

Mr. Voss: It's part of incidental fees, but it would be a separate line item. You need to be able to see that and if students need to waive out it can be identified.

President Van Drimmelen: It will likely look like Western's system. Theirs is part of their tuition fees. Granted they have a much lower coverage plan that they require, but there is already a metric in the system for that.

Mr. Voss: All the regular schools have a coverage plan ranging from $15K to $250K. The mechanics of having that kind of change set up is already there. PSU also has a low scale plan that is required.

Mr. Histand: One of the complaints about that plan is that they put everyone in the school on that plan, even if they have coverage. But this plan is more robust and it can still be covered by financial aid, but can be waived. As an anecdote, we did have a student come in last week who was uninsured and has a brain tumor and it's going to cost thousands and thousands of dollars to treat. There are students who are very real who need this coverage.

President Van Drimmelen: I'm going to offer another consideration for students that came out of a conversation with folks in student athletics. If a person is here as a student athlete and they don't have insurance, they can't play. They can't compete if they don't have insurance, but the university can't just go out and buy them insurance. It limits some of what students can do in ways that are unexpected. I didn't anticipate that being an issue.

Mr. Voss: Do you mean walk on students?

President Van Drimmelen: Yeah. If they don't have insurance, they can't play.

Senator Gaynair: You said you could waive out if you had a comparable plan. So if you had insurance but it wasn't comparable, you'd be forced on this plan?

Mr. Histand: Yes, that's generally the idea because we have a certain minimum that we feel is appropriate. You can go on the internet and purchase a $30 a month, but that's not very good and we feel you need more. One of the things that can happen is, there
are plans your parents have and they need to add you on. For some people it might be cheaper to put you on the plan through the university than through the employer and it could save parents money.

**Senator Barnes:** I was wondering, if it’s a requirement of enrollment, what about online students?

**Mr. Voss:** E-Campus students? That’s a good question. I don’t know how to answer that at the moment. There’s an issue with fees and the ability to take the insurance carrier excludes them. They could be in New York City taking classes at OSU and they can’t rate people who live clear across the country. A definite problem that we were talking about for both insurance and the health fee is that there’s students on campus taking e-campus classes who can’t go to the health center.

**Mr. Histand:** Another plan is it would be in coordination with other campuses and the services we can provide are better than the surrounding community. They would like the health centers to be primarily for students. If there are special needs, they will refer out to the community, so if it’s not local, it can be referred out.

**Senator Albert:** Do you have any idea how the proposed plan will compare to the plan for the university employees?

**Mr. Voss:** It’s much different than that. The plan for university employees is a very comprehensive type of insurance, designed for people working here for a number of years. Students are here for a limited amount of time and it’s easier to design a plan, but we’re not looking at a $2 million lifetime max which is what the staff is at.

**President Van Drimmelen:** I wanted to add on to Senator Barnes’ comment. The concern stems from if people are not campus, should they have to pay? So, stop me if I’m saying something absurd, but it would be doubtful that if students are solely taking e-campus classes they would be required to have this. Simply in my experiences, students taking solely e-campus classes don’t have to pay fees for campus-based services. I don’t think that would play into that.

**Mr. Histand:** We have run into issues with this because e-campus is relatively new and it’s still evolving what it means. We’ve had some students who have been on campus and can’t get classes on campus so they go to e-campus for a term, but they are still living on campus or adjacent and they’d like to use the health services. But at this point, they don’t have the option to pay fees and reduce the costs of services, but that has to go through e-campus to be changed.

**President Van Drimmelen:** Right now, as an e-campus student, if you go to Dixon, you come up as inactive.
Senator Gaynair: Do you have any sort of timeline for when this would be implemented and put into action?

Mr. Voss: The original goal when we started with the taskforce was this coming fall. Given where we’re at right now and the approval that still needs to be gained, I don’t think it’s possible. The decision hasn’t been made. The goal is still this fall, but I would not be surprised if it gets pushed back another year. It’s a lot of work to do something like this; the results of the RFP and getting the results to students and removing charges and all that stuff.

Senator Struthers: I have a follow-up. We’re just one body. Would you be ok with leaving it up to a general election by students if they want to have this insurance or not or would you rather have Congress make a decision of whether it’s ok?

Mr. Voss: If there’s a chance of getting it implemented, it will help a lot of students who need that coverage. The general election is not until May and it would become impossible to do it by fall. The flow right now is a resolution from this body and the House tomorrow, then have another meeting from the taskforce. If we get support, then it would go to the Student Affairs Administration Council on the OUS level, then the Administrative Council to people like Mark Cambridge. They meet the third week of February, so probably not until the end of February would we have their approval. We would need to be sure we have the support of student bodies across the state.

President Van Drimmelen: The thing of it is, we put the survey out and the numbers came back, but I don’t feel it would be beneficial to wait given the overwhelming majority of students saying this is something we want OSU to look into. I highly encourage this body to make a resolution.

Mr. Voss: There were 6,154 OSU students that responded to this survey.

Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions?

Senator Albert: If you want both bodies to address this, would you be willing to be available for further conversation about the actual resolution?

President Van Drimmelen: Just a procedural note, you could have someone draft a resolution on paper and actually vote on it next week, but it’s also proper to write it up after the fact, that the body moved to do "X."

Senator Struthers: I can move it to the Student Academics and Activities Committee, since it’s their job to look at resolutions, just to push this along. We don’t want to keep people too late tonight, but we could go either way like President Van Drimmelen is talking about.

Mr. Histand: We will stay as long as needed.
Senator Struthers: I’m not sure when we started, but I know we talked about a half-hour. Universal health care, if used right and implemented correctly, will help all students. Costs are a big thing that students are looking at.

Senator Gaynair: Just for me, I’m not sure how the committee will work, but time is of the essence. Will the committee be speedy?

Senator Struthers: They usually have two weeks.

Senator Gaynair: Do you think they will have something as good as we can make or better?

Senator Struthers: I’m not sure how fast they will be, but we can move to resolve the universal health care and approve it and have something drafted later.

President Van Drimmelen: Correct me if I’m wrong, but you’re just asking for a resolution saying yes or no?

Mr. Histand: Whether you endorse it or not, with us proceeding on this track we are on.

Mr. Voss: If both groups come back with a no and don’t support this at all, this is what we’d carry back to the next meeting and whether to move forward.

Senator Barnes: This is just my feeling, but I think it’s important for students to be protected in the case of health. I know cost is going to be the big thing, but a little over $100 a month is not a lot as far as health care goes. I think the university should be a leader as far as the health care system.

Senator Albert: I think the proposed cost for students per year is great. This is approximately what my parents pay per month. I don’t think it’s as comprehensive, but it’s health insurance and it looks pretty good.

Senator Struthers: Are there any further questions?

Senator Nichols: Have you done other surveys in the past on the same issue? If so, how did they compare?

Mr. Voss: We did one in spring 2008 and the questions were basically the same. The results were pretty much in line with this one in the number of people who don’t have insurance and the people who think it’s important gave the same support. Those facing high costs felt the same about difficulties staying in school.

Senator Fletcher (by proxy): If someone has a pre-existing condition, would they just be accepted into this program?

Mr. Voss: Most likely, I think that’s the way this is going to be.

Senator Fletcher (by proxy): And they can go up to $250K?

Mr. Voss: Yes.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions, discussion, or any form of a motion?

Senator Albert: What’s the procedure to endorse?
Senator Fletcher (by proxy): So would everyone get a health exam before being signed up?

Mr. Voss: No.

Senator Fletcher (by proxy): No medical history checks?

Mr. Voss: No.

President Van Drimmelen: Just a procedural note, all that would be necessary is to say, "I move that this body resolve to either endorse or oppose the recommendations for the OUS health care services."

Senator Nichols: I have another question. Would this benefit families living on campus, like if a student has kids?

Mr. Voss: Yes, you could have families covered.

Mr. Histand: It costs a bit more.

Senator Fletcher (by proxy): What would that be around for each dependent?

Mr. Voss: I don’t know, but it would still be less than what it costs students to be on the domestic plan. It would be more than $1,350, but still in that range.

Senator Struthers: Other questions, concerns, motions, discussions? All that fun stuff.

Senator Albert: Hopefully I get this right, we’ll see. I move to endorse the recommendations for a universal health insurance plan at OSU as proposed by Student Health Services.

Senator Struthers: The motion at hand is to endorse the recommendations for a universal health insurance plan at OSU as proposed by Student Health Services, is there a second?

Senator Cheney: I second.

Senator Struthers: I open the floor for discussion of the motion at hand.

Senator Albert: From listening to the presentation and looking at the survey and our discussion, I feel it would be beneficial for students, and the details can be worked out later, but to give a positive vote so they can go forward with their body. I feel it is best to endorse this so they can go forward with the positive feedback they were looking for.

Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken.

Vote: 9-0; pass.

Mr. Voss: Could we get a copy of that when it's done?

Senator Struthers: Yes.
ASOSU Code of Conduct
Senator Struthers: As mentioned earlier, the ASOSU Code of Conduct was referred to committee with some changes and hopefully we're going to hear that it passed. I spoke with Speaker Aljets, if it passes, for a preliminary Conference Committee time, if anyone can meet at noon on Friday.

Senator Barnes indicated she could attend.

SB-69.02
Senator Struthers: Known as "The Barnes Act," SB-69.02 has passed the House and been signed into law. It allows the Executive branch, actually, the President, to withdraw positions by Executive Order, but it would only last for that term and then they would have to reassign someone to that position.

X. Old Business & Second Readings
HB-01.03
Senator Struthers: I move to forgo the reading for the sake of the Congressional Parliamentarian.
Senator Albert: I second.
Senator Struthers: Is there any discussion?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken.
 Vote: 8-0; pass.

Senator Barnes: I was looking through the old constitution and statutes and there was nothing about pay structure, just for last week when you were inquiring about that.
Senator Struthers: Just to reiterate, this sets it for from now on and makes it simple so we don't have to figure out how much people are making and don't have to look back to who is getting paid what. It's in a hierarchical tier where the President gets paid the most, the Vice President less, and from there. And to add to that the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate would be paid.
Senator Albert: Just a point of information - does anyone know when the pay structure would take effect?
Senator Struthers: It says on the last page, "This bill shall take effect June 1st, 2010 at 11:59am."
Senator Albert: Is that right before the next President?
Senator Struthers: It's the next legislative period, when the next President would take office.
Senator Barnes: It's when the elected officials would take office.
Senator Struthers: They don't take office until June 1st. Is there any other discussion or a motion?
Senator Cheney: I have a question. So if this does pass and in the future someone wants to change it, you can just make another bill?
Senator Struthers: Yes, it would take another bill to change this bill.
Senator Nichols: The percentages set in this bill is based on this year's pay?
Senator Struthers: I heard second-hand that Ways and Means as a committee passed somewhat of this structure. This is going off what they set as percentages. Ways and Means has the abilities to do that. Are there any other questions? That's second-hand, I don't know where that came from, I wasn't there at the meeting.
Senator Barnes: I don't think it has anything to do with last year, but it's a percentage above last year's that these are.
Senator Struthers: I don't know every detail.
Senator Albert: I would like to draw everyone's attention to the minutes last week. We discussed this already, right after HB-01.03, Senator Barnes said, "There are certain percentages above minimum wage that people are paid, based on what they are currently paid."
Senator Struthers: Senator Barnes: There are certain percentages above minimum wage that people are paid, based on what they are currently paid. Senator Struthers: I believe the pay grade is new for this year." Is that what you're reading?
Senator Albert: Yes, and Senator Cheney said," It stays constant with minimum wage as time passes so you don't have to pass legislation for pay changes all the time."
Senator Cheney: I said that. I might have also said, "I believe so?"
Senator Struthers: You actually said, "This was awhile ago, forgive me."
Senator Cheney: That was my understanding.
Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions or concerns? Again, I believe in setting a structure, so future bodies don't have issues with this. It gives us precedence and something to work off of for years to come. Is there any further discussion or any form of a motion?
Senator Gaynair: I move that we pass this, "Bill to Establish Reasonable Pay Structure for ASOSU Officers and Employees."
Senator Struthers: The motion at hand is that we pass the, "Bill to Establish Reasonable Pay Structure for ASOSU Officers and Employees."
Senator Albert: I second.
Senator Struthers: I open the floor for discussion. Senator Gaynair, if you'd like to say anything?
Senator Gaynair: I have nothing further to add.
Senator Fletcher (by proxy): Wait, you all get paid?
Senator Struthers: No, what this does is the elected members like the Speaker of the House, the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, the Chair of the Judicial Council, the Congressional Parliamentarian, and the Congressional Secretary also have a pay scale, not the senators or the representatives or the members of the Judicial Council, though we could write our own bill if we wanted. Are there any other questions?

There were no further questions or discussion and a roll-call vote was taken.
Vote: 8-0; pass.

SB-69.03
Senator Struthers: I have to step down, so I nominate Senator Cheney as temporary President Pro-Tempore of the Senate.
Senator Nichols: I second.
Senator Struthers: Do you accept? Are there any other nominations?
Senator Cheney: I accept.

A voice vote was taken.
Vote: 9-0; pass.
Senator Cheney took the chair at 8:11 pm.

As read by Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: "SB-69.03 - Bill To Add Legislation Reference Titles

WHEREAS the creation of a new ASOSU Constitution and Statutes necessitates certain changes in order to better the institution in which it legitimizes.

WHEREAS the ASOSU Statutes states the manner in which legislation shall be presented to the houses of Congress, and necessitates certain changes to ease archival and common language referencing.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE 69th ASOSU SENATE THAT:
Title II, Section 10, Letter-Subsection A, Number 1 shall be amended by adding “iv” and shall state the following,

Legislation from both houses of Congress shall include a Reference Title in quotations under the official title and archival designation. Any submitted legislation not containing a Reference Title shall default to the name of the chief sponsor, followed by the month and year that the legislation in question was first presented to Congress.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED THAT:
To provide example of the above proposed Statutory Amendment, this bill shall be referred to as the “Struthers Act of January 2010,” and all subsequent legislation of both houses of Congress shall follow this form.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED THAT:
All legislation previously passed by either house of Congress, prior to the passage of this bill, shall be exempt from this rule.

THIS SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Sponsored By:
Andrew Struthers - Senator
Senator Cheney: Is there any discussion?
Senator Struthers: I’m just going to reiterate what this is about. It’s just adding reference titles. If you’re talking in passing about the pay structure bill, it’s hard to remember what HB-01.03 is. If I was going to talk about the pay structure bill, it’s easier to say that and it makes it simple. Another example is the LEED certification bill, it makes sense what we’re talking about there. Besides that, if you have questions? It was not my idea to name this, "The Struthers Act of January 2010." That came from Speaker Ajets.
Senator Nichols: Are you allowed to name them anything you want?
Senator Struthers: I’m going to say yes, within reason. The reason that clause is added is if you don’t give us one, it’s going to be your name, month, and year.
Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: A reminder that all questions need to be directed to the chair.
Senator Albert: Point of information - are we allowed to suggest amendments at this time?
Senator Nichols: Senator Struthers, can you repeat what you said to me? If it’s not given a name it reverts back to the person who created it?

Senator Struthers: If it’s not given a name, if it comes to the Secretary’s desk blank, it’s given the name/month/year, like, “The Struthers Act of January 2010.” The one in the House right now is the, “H.S.R.C Act.” If it hadn’t been given that title, it would have been the primary sponsor with the month and year.

Senator Nichols: If the same person makes the same bill later on, will it be the same name?

Senator Struthers: This came up last time. I can only speculate what it might have been about, it could have been Senator Albert or Senator Barnes, but that did come up. That’s why we ask you to put a reference title in there. If not, we might need to make an amendment to get around that. Also last week, if there was more than one sponsor, if it was sponsored from the House and Senate, you could have two names.

Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion?

Senator Albert: I move to amend SB-69.03, under Title II, Section 10, Letter-Subsection A, Number 1, shall be amended, in the italicized paragraph, that, “Reference Title shall default to the name(s) of the chief sponsor(s),” and then continue on as it is now.

Senator Cheney: There is a motion to amend with “s”s to a really neat part. There’s a motion to where it says, “Reference Title shall default to the name of the chief sponsor.” There is a motion to add “s”s to “name” and “chief sponsor” to make it “name(s)” and “chief sponsor(s).”

Senator Barnes: I second.

Senator Cheney: Is there any discussion?

Senator Struthers: My only concern is that if there are four sponsors, it becomes really long and confusing. I think there might be a better way to go about this than having every sponsor on that bill going to be part of the reference title.

Senator Albert: I would like to direct your attention to the United State Congress where there are primary sponsors and co-sponsors and the primary sponsors are the ones the bill is named for. There was one where there were two primary sponsors and sixty-three co-sponsors, but they weren’t in the title.

Senator Nichols: It still bothers me because I’m forgetful. I might not give a bill a name so if there’s a lot of Nichols bills out there...I think it should be mandatory to give them names.

Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion?

Senator Struthers: Would the chief sponsor have to designate on the legislation who are the secondary sponsors?
Senator Cheney: Can I redirect this to someone who knows?
Senator Albert: For me, just putting the "s"s in would give it more, make it broader, so people knew more than one sponsor could be named. If people think only one person can be named, it could deny someone recognition as one of two in a pair who created legislation.
Senator Barnes: It might be important to have the primary and secondary sponsors designated so if it goes to the desk of the Secretary she knows who to put it under.
Senator Struthers: My question is directed at Senator Nichols. Do you have a form of an amendment to consider, so there wouldn't be more than one Nichols bill for that particular month? Right now, if there's one in January and one in February, they would have different names.
Senator Nichols: Just have it be mandatory that you have a different name each time you write a bill.
Senator Bailey: I think what Nichols is trying to say is take out the name thing and say that you have to name it something. There could be a different month, but just take out the namesake overall.
Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion?
Senator Albert: I have a question for Senator Struthers.
Senator Struthers: Point of order - we need to vote on the amendment at hand.
Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion on the amendment at hand?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken.
Vote: 7-1; pass.

Senator Cheney: Is there any discussion on the regular bill?
Senator Albert: Again, question for Senator Struthers. The bill specifies that the legislation we're talking about, "a Reference Title shall default to the name of the chief sponsor, followed by the month and year that the legislation in question was first presented to Congress." Do you mean after it passes Senate and the House or whichever was secondary or when it is passed by the entire legislative body?
Senator Struthers: If something is presented tonight, it would get this year and month. If it passed in February, it would get January because that's when it was first presented to Congress.
Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion? I entertain a motion to approve.
Senator Struthers: I move to pass that it forgoes the JCCC.
Senator Cheney: Senator Struthers motions to pass SB-69.03 and that it forgoes the JCCC.
Senator Gaynair: I second.
Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion?
Senator Barnes: Why are we forgoing the JCCC?
Senator Struthers: The reason is this comes from a request for Speaker Aljets. This is a simple bill, nothing hidden in it. I can change it, but it's a simple bill and Speaker Aljets knows of this bill and it's intent and he would be inclined to answer questions from the House. This comes at the request of Speaker Aljets that it comes to the House ASAP.
Senator Cheney: Is there any further discussion?

There was no further discussion and a role-call vote was taken.
Vote: 7-0, 1 abstention; pass.

Senator Struthers: Do you want to finish the meeting there?
Senator Cheney: No, thanks.

Senator Cheney stepped down from the chair, and Senator Struthers resumed the chair for the meeting at 8:28pm.

XI. Other Old Business
There was no Other Old Business.

HB-01.02
Senator Struthers: I was informed by Speaker Aljets that we don't have to vote on that. It was directed at Ways and Means and I was informed that we don't need to vote on that, so we will not be doing that tonight.

XII. New Business
There was no new business.

XIII. President's Announcements
Senator Struthers: I have a list here. Senator Varin has resigned for personal reasons, therefore, we have an open seat, a 1 year seat open for election this year. Kevin Schock was appointed as an At Large member of SIFC and is no longer the Senate Representative. He is asking that a senator step up to fill it. They meet at 6:15pm on
Wednesday nights and go until 7:15pm or later. Are there any volunteers for this position? You don’t have a vote on budgets when that comes up, but you are the eyes and ears for the Senate. Is anyone interested besides me? I will do it for the first few weeks. Also, Kate [Faulkner] is here on a volunteer basis, so if you know anyone who needs a part-time job with the Senate, push them to Speaker Aljets. As mentioned by the Taskforce Director, there is a press conference that you’re all invited to at 6pm tomorrow night. If you’re available to go, it’s at Kerr at 6pm. Also, the Executive Director of Campaign Resources position is vacant, so you will most likely be hearing a confirmation in 2-3 weeks. That’s all I have.

XIV. Senator Comments

Senator Albert: Point of information - on the comment about the Congressional Secretary, is the position up on Beaver JobNet?

Senator Struthers: Speaker Aljets has to do with that, it's in the statutes that he does that. I will talk to him tomorrow. I don't know, but I hope it is.

Senator Nichols: I hope it's the right time for this. I hope you all heard about the Civil War LAN party. Video games, lots of video games.

Senator Albert: What?

Senator Nichols: It's where students get together in Reser Stadium, the club level, and play video games against UO from 4pm Friday to 4pm Saturday.

Senator Barnes: Is there free food?

Senator Nichols: Yeah, but you have to pay to get in.

XV. Gallery Comments

XVI. Ryan Ludlow: Hello, I'm Ryan Ludlow. I'm coordinating phone banking for Get Out The Vote. Tomorrow we're having phone banks from 11am to 9pm and Friday 5pm to 7pm we're in need of volunteers. I'm sure you've heard about Measures 66 and 67. In 2002, the election was decided by 2000 votes. I'm sure you guys know there is a state senate election coming up and we're bringing data from the drive here to lobby with. It does carry weight, and they will be making decisions on the future of education. You can drop by and say you want to volunteer for tomorrow if you want.

Senator Struthers: Are you the same Councillor Ludlow.

Mr. Ludlow: Yes.

Senator Nichols: Where is it?

Mr. Ludlow: Snell 149.

Senator Albert: Have you been reaching out through Facebook?
Mr. Ludlow: I have not, I have been going to large bodies such as this, but that is a fantastic idea. I will probably do that.

XVII. Adjournment
Senator Cheney: I move to adjourn.
Senator Gaynair: I second.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.